# Pacific Juvenile Defender Center: A Collaborative Effort

# San Francisco Public Defender – Juvenile Division

SFPD Juvenile Division provides direct representation in delinquency matters to over 900 juveniles a year. The office seeks to address clients' behavioral, educational, and emotional needs and to help clients gain access to services that can substitute for or negate the perceived need for preventative detention and post-disposition incarceration.

## Legal Services for Children

LSC provides free direct legal services to poor children and youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. Using an attorney-social worker team approach, LSC represents youth in the Juvenile, Probate, and Family Courts, and provides advocacy in guardianships, emancipations, conflict resolution mediation, and in hearings arising out of school discipline, special education entitlements, and others.

# Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice

CJCJ is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce society's reliance on the use of incarceration as a solution to social problems. This is done through the provision of programs to persons facing imprisonment, education efforts, about imprisonment and its effect on people, and technical assistance to entities wishing to establish and/or evaluate programs working with those facing imprisonment.

# Pacific Juvenile Defender Center Publications

## Suspension-Expulsion Manual

A manual on the techniques, tactics, and procedures involved in representing a minor in a school expulsion case. (LSC)

## **Guide to Proposition 21**

An easy-to-read guide to Proposition 21 with practice tips. (SFPD/CJCJ)
Available on our website.

### Summit Guidebook

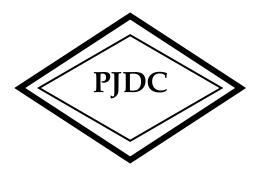
The guidebook from our March 2002 Juvenile Defender Summit, including materials on avoiding placement delay, educational advocacy, immigration issues, employment issues and media advocacy

For a publication order form please contact:

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# **Pacific Juvenile Defender Center**

In 1999, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention established the National Juvenile Defender Training, Technical Assistance and Resource Center to give juvenile defense attorneys a more permanent capacity to address practice issues, improve advocacy skills, build partnerships, exchange information, and participate in the national debate over juvenile crime.



The Pacific Juvenile Defender Center is a regional affiliate of the National Center. PJDC is sponsored by the American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Center, the Youth Law Center, and the Juvenile Law Center.

PJDC is a collaborative effort of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, Legal Services for Children, and the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

## **Our Mission**

Ensuring excellence in juvenile defense and promoting justice for all children in California and Hawaii.

### **Our Methods**

- Trainings for juvenile defenders:
  - \* Special Education Advocacy (an overview of the law and how to use special education law in delinquency practice)
  - School Discipline (representing delinquency clients in related school expulsion hearings and reducing referrals from school to juvenile court)
  - Stabilizing home placements to keep delinquency clients out of institutional placements (an introduction to guardianships and referrals to the dependency system)
  - \* Dispositional Advocacy (reducing institutional placements)
  - \* Proposition 21 (an overview of the California law)
  - \* Cultural Competency
- Networking: Email listserv, practice tip updates
- ♦ Written manuals

\*\*If interested in setting up a training or joining our email listsery please contact: 415-863-3762 x 314

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